

BOX AF REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 1713** 0649³0619P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Yasuyuki TANAKA et al.

Application No.:

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Group:

1713

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Zitomer, F

For:

MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER

RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 7, 1999, the period for response having been extended three months to June 7, 2000, the following remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 7-19 are pending. Claims 1-3, 7 and 8 remain withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to nonelected subject matter.

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